

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

TO: Interested Parties
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DATE: January 15, 2004
SUBJECT: Group Balancing in AmerenCIPS' and AmerenUE's Illinois Service Territories

On October 22, 2003, the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") issued a Final Order in Docket Nos. 02-0798/03-0008/03-0009 (Consolidated), AmerenCIPS' and AmerenUE's (collectively "Ameren" or "Company") Proposed General Increase in Natural Gas Rates. During the course of the proceeding, Ameren agreed to proposals by Staff and intervenors that a group balancing service be implemented in the CIPS and UE service territories. The Commission's Final Order states:

Another rate design issue that has been resolved pertains to group balancing service. Ameren has agreed to proposals by MEC and Staff that a group balancing service be developed. Ameren is willing to hold workshops between November, 2003 and March, 2004 and to file a tariff regarding group balancing service by July 1, 2004, a date which has been agreed to by all interested parties. The parties also agree that the tariff should be effective for the winter of 2004. The Commission is pleased by the parties willingness to work together on this issue and will leave it to those interested to define and develop in the workshops the terms and conditions of such group balancing service, subject to Commission approval. The Commission looks forward to the filing of a group balancing tariff by Ameren on or before July 1, 2004. (p. 104)

In anticipation of the workshop process, the Company consulted with Staff and drafted a Group Balancing tariff and related changes to Rider T, Transport Gas and Stand-By Service, for the review of interested parties. Group balancing would only be available to Commercial and Industrial customers with daily metering devices. The draft Group Balancing Tariff and related changes to Rider T are attached to the same e-mail message that includes this notice. The documents and a copy of this notice are also posted on the Illinois Commerce Commission's Internet web site under the natural gas section: <http://www.icc.state.il.us/ng/naturalgas.aspx>

Staff has scheduled a workshop from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, in Hearing Room B at the Commission's Springfield Office. The address is listed below. If you are interested in attending this workshop, please reply via e-mail to <mailto:ciannell@icc.state.il.us> on or before January 29, 2004. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to this matter. I will be out of the office until January 27, 2004. If you have immediate needs, please contact Tom Kennedy at (217) 785-1414.

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